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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Improving 9-1-1 Reliability, PS Docket No. 13-75

Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies, PS Docket No. 11-60


Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Falls Church, Virginia, submits these comments in Response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to ensure the reliability and resiliency of the communications infrastructure necessary for continued availability of the Nations 9-1-1 system, particularly during times of major disaster. The City writes *in support* of the Comments of Fairfax County, Virginia, filed on or about May 1, 2013, and will not restate Fairfax County's comments here.

The Derecho storm of June 2012 exposed the weaknesses of Verizon's E911 system. The City expects aggressive actions by Verizon *and the FCC* to improve the E911 system redundancy and reliability. Relying on Verizon alone to fix the problem will not be enough. Further, Verizon needs to timely communicate with City officials when there is an E911 service disruption or other widespread service disruption to Verizon's landline or wireless services.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (703) 248-5011. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



John E. Foster
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